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1. ECONOMIC COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR JAN 10 INFORMED AMB OGUZ GOKMEN, DIRGEN FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, MFA, OF STEPS BEING TAKEN WITH RESPECT FEB 11 ENERGY MEETING. MATTER MAY BE FURTHER DISCUSSED TOMORROW (JAN 11) WHEN AMB HAS APPOINTMENT WITH MFA SEC GEN EREZ.

2. GOKMEN SAID FUTURE ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS OF GREATEST INTEREST TO TURKEY. AT PRESENT TURKEY DOES NOT HAVE PROBLEM OF SUPPLY, BUT FEARS SERIOUS HARM TO ITS ECONOMY FROM HIGHER PRICES. IMPACT ON DEVELOPING
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COUNTRIES WILL BE EVEN MORE SEVERE THAN ON DEVELOPED

COUNTRIES. HE SUGGESTED THAT POSSIBLY AT LEAST ONE DEVELOPING COUNTRY SHOULD BE AMONG THOSE ATTENDING INITIAL MEETING AT WASHINGTON. E/COM COUNSELOR REPEATED THAT US RECOGNIZES FULLY IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THAT WASHINGTON MEETING IS INTENDED TO REACH EARLY INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT IT AND THAT IT IS HOPE TO BROADEN CONSULTATIONS SUBSEQUENTLY TO INCLUDE DEVELOPING AS WELL AS OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. ALSO POINTED OUT POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES OF SELECTING "REPRESENTATIVE" DEVELOPING COUNTRY AT THIS STAGE. GOKMEN AGREED WITH LATTER POINT.

3. GOKMEN WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE ROLE OF OECD IN CONSULTATIONS. E/COM COUNSELOR INFORMED HIM THAT OECD SEC GEN VAN LENNEP WAS BEING INFORMED OF MEETING AND INVITED TO PARTICIPATE BUT THAT MEETING IS CLEARLY INTENDED TO BE ON AD HOC BASIS OUTSIDE OF ANY EXISTING INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK.

4. GOKMEN ALSO GREATLY INTERESTED IN FUTURE PRICE TREND AND ASKED IF US HAD IDEAS ON WHAT FUTURE PRICE WILL BE. HE SAID FOLLOWING DEMARCHE BY AMB ON DEC 22 PRIOR TO OPEC MEETING, TURKEY HAD CONTACTED ALL OPEC COUNTRIES TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE PRICE INCREASE. E/COM COUNSELOR SAID THIS IS ALSO MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO US (AND ALL OTHER COUNTRIES) AND THAT PRIMARY GOAL OF US IS TO WORK TO FIND ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENERGY THAT ARE EQUITABLE TO PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES ALIKE. GOKMEN SAID TWO US FIRMS AMONG THOSE NOW SUPPLYING CRUDE TO TURKEY. CALTEX ARRANGEMENTS COVERED BY LONG-TERM CONTRACT (WITH ALLOWANCE FOR PRICE INCREASE IF TAXES ETC. AT ORIGIN INCREASE). MOBIL HOWEVER SUPPLIES CRUDE FROM OWN SOURCES TO ATAS REFINERY, IN WHICH IT HAS FINANCIAL INTEREST. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MOBIL WILL NOT RAISE PRICE FOR CRUDE. E/COM COUNSELOR POINTED OUT THAT MOBIL ALSO SUBJECT TO DECISIONS ON PRICE TAKEN IN OPEC COUNTRIES.

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